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1. With a view to improving military morale and soldiers' fidelity to the Communist cause, political education in the Bulgarian Army is now carried through the whole three year period of military service. Other military instruction, properly so called, lasts for one year only. This political education is taken very seriously. The political course is given in the morning, when the men are still fresh. It is given three times a week.
2. It is based on three books published by the Ministry of National Defense, following instructions from the USSR. The three books are:
 - a. Defense of the Fatherland Is the Sacred Duty of Each Soldier Before the Communist Party and the Socialist Government. This volume, with its long-winded title, is used during the first year of instruction. A list of its chapter headings gives an idea of content:

The Communist Insurrections of 1923
 Passage of the Communist Party into Illegality
 The Fatherland Front
 9 September 1944
 Organization of Fascist Conspiracies in the Army
 Guerrillas as the Nucleus of the New Bulgarian Army
 Formation of the New Bulgarian Army on the Soviet Model
 Definition of the Fatherland; Characteristics of the
 Constitution and of "Socialism"
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b. Our Socialist Fatherland. The work used in the second year, has the following chapters:

The Significance of Socialism
The Struggle of the People's Regime
Contribution of the Soviets to the Popular Democracies
Methods
etc.

c. The third year textbook is called Our Fatherland, Rich and Beautiful. This expounds the magnificence of the Bulgarian Communist state system. It ends with direct attacks against the Western Imperialists.

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